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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to July 11, 2003.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5, 9-11, 21-26, 28 and 29 (renumbered as 1-15, respectively).
3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
5. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
 - (a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
6. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

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7. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
8. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. _____.
 - (b) ☒ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed 21 January 2003, which has been approved by the Examiner.
 - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet.

9. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with H. J. Staas on August 11, 2003

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim ¹⁴28,

An optical transmission system wherein wavelength multiplexed optical signals are produced by a transmission-end device for transmission over an optical transmission line, and wherein the transmission-end device comprises: a data generator aligning phases of a first predetermined number of data on a corresponding number of channels and adding a second predetermined number of error correction bits to said first predetermined number of data, said second predetermined number of error correction bits being in parallel with said first predetermined number of data; and

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a wavelength-multiplexor, connected to the data generator, converting each of said first predetermined number of data and said second predetermined number of error correction bits to respective optical signals having different wavelengths and wavelength-multiplexing said optical signals so as to be delivered to the optical transmission line, the transmitted wavelength multiplexed optical signals thereby comprising the first predetermined number of data on a corresponding number of channels having added thereto the second predetermined number of error correction bits and both thereof converted to optical signals of respective, different wavelengths and which are wavelength-multiplexed for such transmission.

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Claim 29,

An optical transmission system wherein wavelength multiplexed optical signals are transmitted over an optical transmission line to a receiving end device, wherein the transmitted wavelength multiplexed optical signals comprise a first predetermined number of data on a corresponding number of channels having added thereto a second predetermined number of error correction bits and both thereof converted to optical signals of respective different wavelengths and which are wavelength-multiplexed for such transmission, and wherein the receiving-end device comprises:

a wavelength-demultiplexor separating the wavelength-multiplexed optical signals from the optical transmission line into further optical signals, each corresponding to one of the different wavelengths; and
a data regenerator, connected to the wavelength-multiplexor, regenerating said first predetermined number of error corrected data, derived from a third number of further data contained in said further optical signals using said second predetermined number of error correction bits contained in said further optical signals, the third number being equal to the first number.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David C. Payne whose telephone number is (703) 306-0004. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 7a-4p.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jason Chan can be reached on (703) 305-4729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.


Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3900.

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